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TO : Ch/G
THRU : Chief, D/GG
FROM : Chief, GG/F

DATE: 30 January 1957

SUBJECT: Substantive Aspects of GG/F Paper on Collectivization of Chinese Agriculture

25X1A9a 1. You will recall that in my memorandum of 6 December 1956 I detailed for you a complete chronology of the rather unusual course of events connected with the "coordination" of subject paper. At that time I indicated that a substantive statement on the differences of opinion and interpretation between ourselves and A/F was being prepared by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

2. Forwarded herewith are [REDACTED] substantive rebuttals to the A/F commentary and a Memorandum for Record that he prepared for me on the subject. These are being sent to you for your information and for any action you deem appropriate.

3. It seems obvious that the chief basis for the divergent views involved here may be found in the fact that the A/F approach is narrower -- almost purely economic -- whereas the GG/F approach attempts to consider other significant aspects of the subject. Surely the logical way to resolve differing interpretations would have been through face-to-face coordination by the analysts concerned!

4. As things now stand, because Ch/E has gone on record as recommending non-publication of the bulk of the paper, and because the substantive content has become out-of-date since the original cutoff date, the obstacles to publication are formidable. I am inclined to agree with paragraph 3 of [REDACTED] Memorandum for Record and 25X1A9a to recommend against further expenditure of GG/F effort on the topic. 25X1A9a

5. The tone of [REDACTED] Memorandum for Record is, I think understandably, somewhat indignant. I have deliberately refrained from asking him to amend it, but I recommend that it not be sent outside the Geographic Research Area.

6. I do recommend, however, that the original GG/F draft, the A/F commentary, and the GG/F rebuttal be shown to Ch/E and to the AD/RR as indicative of one of the problems of intra-office coordination within ORR.

25X1A9a [REDACTED]

Enclosures: As shown on list, Attachment No. 1

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ATTACHMENT NO. 1

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Enclosures to Memorandum - "Substantive Aspects of GG/F Paper on
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- Original
attach-
ments
25X1A9a
to GG/F
per his
request
2 Oct 1957
jmc*
- x 1. Memo for Record, dated 19 December 1956
 - x 2. Rebuttal to A/F Commentary
 - 3. Project Proposal dated 17 Aug 56
 - x 4. Original GG/F draft
 - 5. Memo to Chief, A/F dated 15 Nov 56
 - x 6. Memo from Ch/E dated 26 Nov 56 w/attached A/F commentary
 - 7. Memo to Ch/G dated 6 Dec 56

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